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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,
and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS		
DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY
WO 99/59334 A1	11/18/1999	WIPO
WO 00/04709 A1	01/27/2000	WIPO

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS
Supplementary European Search Report issued January 7, 2009 in European application number 01950001.6, 3 pages
European Office Action issued January 26, 2009 in European application number 01950001.6, 5 pages

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

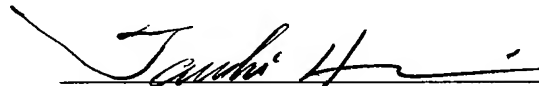
References F3 and F4 are a Supplementary European Search Report and an Office Action issued in the counterpart European application. References F1 and F2 were cited in References F3 and F4.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

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Respectfully submitted,

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